

ROBIN'S BIRTHDAY PRESENT

Robin's birthday was in the month of November. "November is an ugly month," Robin thought, "because [in/ on/ the] skies are grey, and it is [fat/ too/ long] cold to go outside and play." Robin [didn't/ found/ silly] have any brothers or sisters, so he [fixed/ taken/ missed] having someone at home to play [find/ hand/ with]. Robin sat in a chair by [at/ the/ if] window watching the rain come down. Robin thought "[At/ Oh/ Is], how I would love to have someone [to/ my/ of] play with or something to do [is/ of/ on] this cold, grey November day."

As Robin [bar/ fit/ was] wishing for someone to play with, [in/ he/ or] saw something move out in the [dog/ rain/ fat]. He pressed his nose against the [slim/ fight/ cold] glass to get a better look. [Sat/ Slip/ Far] out in the rain, next to [the/ of/ so] big oak tree, was a shaggy [fat/ dish/ dog]. The dog was walking toward the [stripe/ house/ look] with his head hung low. The [bird/ dog's/ wind] fur was as black as night [and/ way/ bet] dripping with water.

Robin ran to [the/ in/ of] door and opened it up to [row/ take/ talk] a better look. The dog came [to/ in/ or] a stop in front of Robin [if/ or/ and] looked up at him with big, [for/ sad/ tie] eyes. "Mom, come look at what [is/ to/ by] outside," yelled Robin. Robin's mother put [down/ from/ told] her book and came to the [flood/ door/ gone]. "I found a dog and I [want/ lunch/

money] to keep him. Can I please?" pleaded Robin. "[In/ Oh/ At] no," said Mother, "the last thing [of/ in/ we] need is a dog because they are [done/ lack/ dirty] and smelly." Robin knew he would [have/ next/ look] to think fast because a dog would [make/ same/ went] a perfect friend at home. How [found/ could/ wants] he make his mother change her [tape/ mind/ wrap]? Robin's mind raced to all of [the/ is/ not] fun things he and the dog [found/ races/ could] do together.

Suddenly, Robin had a thought. "Mom, [went/ find/ what] if the dog is my birthday present?" Robin [like/ asked/ seen]. "What if the dog is my [only/ from/ team] birthday present? Can I keep him [take/ lazy/ then]?" Robin's mother thought about what Robin [fir/ had/ long] asked. At last she smiled and said, "[Limp/ Tire/ Well], if you promise to feed him and [race/ rock/ take] care of him, then you may [keep/ tall/ fat] him." "Hurrah," yelled Robin, "thank you [luck/ very/ most] much!" Robin clapped his hands and [for/ on/ ran] out into the rain to hug [take/ his/ not] new dog. This was the best birthday present [in/ at/ he] had ever had!